

#### **IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:  
a variable display device attached to a front door body of the gaming machine for variably displaying a plurality of symbols;  
a lottery device for executing a lottery of a winning combination; and  
a stop device for controlling the variable display device to shift from variably displaying the plurality of symbols to statically displaying at least one of the plurality of symbols based on a result of the lottery;

an optically transmissive electric display device provided in front of the variable display device,

wherein the stop device includes one or more stop buttons operable by a player, attached to the front door body;

wherein the one or more stop buttons are provided below the variable display device; and

wherein a lower display device is provided below the one or more stop buttons, that is also attached to the front door body, and displays images on the basis of image data stored in the image ROM of a lower display panel image control circuit; and

wherein the combination of the front door body, the variable display means, the optically transmissive electric display device, the one or more stop buttons and the lower display device is adapted to be used with different games by replacing the image data stored in the image ROM.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim-2\_1, further comprising: special game control device for generating a special game state advantageous to the player based on a predetermined condition;

wherein the optically transmissive electric display device is controlled for shielding an optical view from the variable display device in the special game state

based on another predetermined condition.

4. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine for executing a lottery of a winning combination being composed of a combination of a plurality of symbols, the gaming machine comprising:

a variable display device attached to a front door body of the gaming machine for variably displaying the plurality of symbols;

one or more stop buttons provided below the variable display device, attached to the front door body, the one or more stop buttons being utilized for controlling the variable display device to shift from variably displaying the plurality of symbols to statically displaying at least one of the plurality of symbols; and

an electric display device provided below the one or more stop buttons, that is also attached to the front door body, and displays images on the basis of image data stored in the image ROM of a lower display panel image control circuit; and

an optically transmissive electric display device provided in front of the variable display device;

wherein the combination of the front door body, the variable display means, the electric display device, the one or more stop buttons and the lower display means is adapted to be used with different games by replacing the image data stored in the image ROM.

5. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein the variable display device and the one or more stop buttons are visible to and optionally operable by a player.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim ~~6~~ 4, wherein the gaming machine generates a special game mode advantageous to the player based on a predetermined condition, the optically transmissive electric display device being

controlled for shielding an optical view from the variable display device during the special game mode.

8. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim-~~6~~4, wherein the optically transmissive electric display device displays an effect image in the special game mode.

9. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 8, wherein the effect image in the special game mode is determined by an operation order of the one or more stop buttons.